

We Claim:

1. A sleeve for use with a disposable, tamper-resistant condiment shaker, the condiment shaker including a top, a wall portion, and an end portion, the wall portion having a first end and a second end, the top being operatively connected to and enclosing the first end, the end portion being operatively connected to and enclosing the second end, the end portion including a ledge proximate the wall portion, the wall portion interconnecting and being integral with the top and the end portion thereby preventing the condiment shaker from being opened, comprising:

- a) a top portion including a first opening, said first opening being configured and arranged to provide access to at least a portion of the top of the condiment shaker;
- b) a bottom portion including a second opening through which the condiment shaker may be inserted;
- c) an intermediate portion interconnecting said top portion and said bottom portion, said intermediate portion including an inner surface, said inner surface including a raised member proximate said bottom portion, said intermediate portion being configured and arranged to house the condiment shaker; and
- d) a cavity formed by said top portion, said bottom portion, and said intermediate portion, said first opening and said second opening providing access to said cavity, said cavity being configured and arranged to receive the condiment shaker, wherein the top of the condiment shaker is inserted into said second opening, the condiment shaker is pushed through said second opening into said cavity, the ledge is slid past said raised member thereby providing a snap-fit between the condiment shaker and the sleeve, said first opening providing access to at least a portion of the top of the condiment shaker.

2. The sleeve of claim 1, further comprising a raised portion on the top of the condiment shaker, said first opening having a first size and said raised portion having a second size, said second size being smaller than said first size, wherein said raised portion is configured and arranged to extend into said first opening.

3. The sleeve of claim 1, further comprising a label operatively connected to said intermediate portion.

4. The sleeve of claim 1, wherein said top portion, said bottom portion, and said intermediate portion are an integral unit.

5. The sleeve of claim 4, wherein said integral unit is made of metal.

6. The sleeve of claim 4, wherein said integral unit is made of plastic.

7. A condiment dispensing assembly, comprising:

a) a shaker including a top, a wall portion, and an end portion, said wall portion having a first end and a second end, said top being operatively connected to and enclosing said first end, said end portion being operatively connected to and enclosing said second end, said wall portion interconnecting and being integral with said top and said end portion thereby preventing said shaker from being opened and being tamper-resistant; and

b) a sleeve including a top portion, a bottom portion, an intermediate portion, a cavity, and a securing member, said top portion including a first opening, said first opening being configured and arranged to provide access to at least a portion of said top of said condiment shaker, said bottom portion including a second opening through which said condiment shaker is inserted, said intermediate portion interconnecting said top portion and said bottom portion and being configured and arranged to house said shaker, said cavity formed by said top portion, said bottom portion, and said intermediate portion, said first opening and said second opening providing access to said cavity, said cavity being configured and arranged to receive said shaker, said securing member being operatively connected to said intermediate portion, wherein said top of said shaker is inserted into said second opening, said shaker is pushed through said second opening into said cavity, said securing member supports said shaker within said cavity of said sleeve, said first opening providing access to said at least a portion of said top of said condiment shaker.

8. The condiment dispensing assembly of claim 7, further comprising:

a) a ledge on said end portion proximate said wall portion; and

b) an inner surface of said intermediate portion, said securing member being a raised member on said inner surface proximate said bottom portion, said raised member being at a height proximate a height of said ledge and providing a snap-fit with said ledge of said shaker.

9. The condiment dispensing assembly of claim 7, wherein said securing member is operatively connected to said bottom portion of said sleeve.

10. The condiment dispensing assembly of claim 9, wherein said securing member is a bar operatively connected to said bottom portion on one side with a pin, said bar being pivotable about said pin, wherein said bar supports said shaker within said cavity when pivoted into a position proximate said second opening.

11. The condiment dispensing assembly of claim 7, wherein said securing member is a cap member configured and arranged to operatively connect to said bottom portion of said sleeve to support said shaker within said cavity.

12. The condiment dispensing assembly of claim 7, further comprising a raised portion on said top of said shaker, said first opening of said sleeve having a first size and said raised portion of said shaker having a second size, said second size being smaller than said first size, wherein said raised portion is configured and arranged to extend into said first opening.

13. The condiment dispensing assembly of claim 7, further comprising a second cavity formed by said top, said wall portion, and said end portion of said shaker and a condiment contained within said second cavity.

14. The condiment dispensing assembly of claim 13, wherein said condiment is salt.

15. The condiment dispensing assembly of claim 13, wherein said condiment is pepper.

16. A method of using a sleeve to decorate a condiment shaker, comprising:

a) obtaining a disposable, tamper-resistant condiment shaker containing a condiment, the condiment shaker including a top, a wall portion, and an end portion forming a first cavity, the condiment being contained within the first cavity, the wall portion having a first end and a second end, the top being operatively connected to and

enclosing the first end, the end portion being operatively connected to and enclosing the second end, the end portion including a ledge proximate the wall portion, the wall portion interconnecting and being integral with the top and the end portion thereby preventing the condiment shaker from being opened;

b) obtaining a sleeve including a top portion, a bottom portion, an intermediate portion, and a second cavity, the top portion including a first opening, the first opening being configured and arranged to provide access to at least a portion of the top of the condiment shaker, the bottom portion including a second opening through which the condiment shaker may be inserted, the intermediate portion interconnecting the top portion and the bottom portion and including an inner surface, the inner surface including a raised member proximate the bottom portion, the intermediate portion being configured and arranged to house the condiment shaker, the second cavity formed by the top portion, the bottom portion, and the intermediate portion, the first opening and the second opening providing access to the second cavity, the second cavity being configured and arranged to receive the condiment shaker;

c) inserting the top of the condiment shaker into the second opening; and

d) pushing the condiment shaker through the second opening into the second cavity, wherein the ledge is slid past the raised member thereby providing a snap-fit between the condiment shaker and the sleeve, the first opening providing access to the at least a portion of the top of the condiment shaker.

17. The method of claim 16, further comprising:

a) dispensing substantially all of the condiment from the condiment shaker thereby rendering an empty condiment shaker;

b) removing the empty condiment shaker from the sleeve; and

c) inserting a second condiment shaker containing condiment into the sleeve.